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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]  
Imagery Analysis Branch/ID

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FROM: [REDACTED]  
Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management

SUBJECT: Response to your Request for Information

1. I appreciate the difficulty which uncertainty about the status of the IC Staff and your role here has caused. I wish that we had been able to be more specific in the past. As you know the future size and character of the Staff is still somewhat uncertain and these uncertainties will not be fully resolved until the appropriations bill is finally passed sometime in mid-to-late summer. I expect you are also aware of the recent crunch on supergrade billets which requires me to be very cautious in allocating them.

2. In view of these uncertainties and in view of my uncertainty about our likely involvement in follow-ons to the work you've been doing, I think it would be irresponsible of me to offer you any kind of assurances that we will be able to bring you on the Staff permanently. The work that you have done is useful. It's hard for me to predict at this point, however, whether we will be able to allocate much Staff effort in similar directions in the future.

3. I would recommend that, in view of these uncertainties, you do protect your status at [REDACTED]

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